



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, and Deirdre Kvale

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; City Engineer: Brad Reifsteck; Planning Consultant: Jared Johnson; Planning Consultant: Kim Lindquist; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Council: Gina Joyce (with prior notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – LONG LAKE NEWS, MEETING REVIEW AND UPDATES

Mayor Miner reported that the Council had just completed a work session where they exclusively discussed the Pavement Management Plan which will also be discussed later on tonight's agenda.

Mayor Miner also expressed sympathy on behalf of the City for those throughout the world that are in turmoil, such as in Ukraine, and noted that it makes him more appreciative of the United States.

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- A. Approve Minutes of February 15, 2022 City Council Meeting
- B. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of February 8, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting
- C. Receive Unofficial Draft Minutes of February 15, 2022 Economic Development Authority Meeting
- D. Approve Vendor Claims and Payroll
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2022- 10 Reestablishing the Precinct Boundaries and Polling Place Location for the City of Long Lake
- F. Appoint Planning Commission Roger Adams as Chair and Member Steve Keating as Chair Pro-Tempore of the Planning Commission for 2022

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Feldmann, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Long Lake Update/Year in Review from the Wayzata Police Department – Marc Schultz, Chief of Police

Marc Schultz, Wayzata Chief of Police, introduced Sergeant Jason Gehrman and indicated that they would each be sharing some updates from the Wayzata Police Department. Chief Schultz explained that in 2021 there was a lot of change in the Department including several retirements, new officers, and officers who decided that they wanted to get out of the field, and noted that this transition has required quite a bit of training and Department redevelopment. He shared that they have tried to focus on their program development and ways they can provide better services to the community. He gave an overview of the time of transition with retirements and resignations; and reviewed progress made on implementation of programs including a new bike patrol, embedded social worker, and the West Command Mobile Field Force. He presented statistics on calls for service with crimes against persons and compared 2019 (pre-COVID), 2020, and 2021 data. He observed that Hennepin County and Ramsey County statistics have shown that the suburban agencies have not seen the increase in violent crime that has been shown in the media for areas like Minneapolis and St Paul. He reviewed statistics for property crimes, DWI/controlled substance offenses, and traffic stops. He mentioned that the statistics show a drop in traffic numbers because they chose to try to protect the officers and their potential exposure levels due to COVID. He recalled that some community events started to come back in 2021 that their Department was able to assist with such as the Memorial Day Murph Challenge, the Long Lake Fire Department Red Hot Run, Corn Days, Buckhorn Days, the Gear West Half Marathon, and Night to Unite. He indicated that in 2022 they are planning to build on some of the things that they have already started such as implementation of a K-9 program, expanding the bike patrol, and increasing community engagement opportunities.

Sergeant Jason Gehrman provided an introduction of the Department's K-9 program and noted that it will be a two-phase program, with the first phase being the first search and rescue dog in the State of Minnesota on active-duty patrol. He stated that his dog, Loki, is trained to locate missing persons and will now be on patrol with him. He explained that this will give him the ability to respond to some of the missing person calls in the community and noted the importance of the response time in these situations. He noted that being able to respond in 10 minutes rather than an hour and a half will greatly increase the ability of the Department to find missing persons. He commented that in phase two, they will look at putting on a second dog later this year which will be a typical police K-9 who will be certified in apprehension and narcotics.

Chief Schultz stated that the Department is very excited about the K-9 program. He gave a more detailed review of their personnel situation and noted that while there have been a few bumps in the road, they are moving through the hiring process including hiring of a Deputy Chief who will be starting at the end of the month. He discussed other recent personnel activities and reviewed some of the training initiatives and techniques that are being pursued in the Department, such as stop sticks as a tool to stop pursuit, crisis intervention training, and implementing interview cameras inside the Department.

Council member Kvale asked for a description of a stop stick.

Schultz explained that it is a segmented long triangle in a plastic case which has hollow spikes inside, which once they are driven over when deployed during a pursuit situation, will slowly deflate a vehicle's tires.

Mayor Miner inquired whether the Wayzata Police Department owned any speed trailers and noted that he thought the Crime Prevention Coalition had considered buying one.

Schultz responded that he had spoken with the Crime Prevention Coalition about it and that is definitely an option. He also recently found a few grant opportunities as well and added that there are also measures like portable speed monitoring signs which can be very effective. He commented that it is definitely a goal of the Department to have tools like that available to them because it will allow them to immediately respond to problem areas in the cities.

Mayor Miner commended the Wayzata Police Department for their great work in the City and expressed the City's appreciation for everything they do for its citizens.

Approve Pavement Management Plan Update; Approve Professional Services Agreement for 2022 Pavement Management Improvement Project

City Engineer Reifsteck explained that the goal of the Pavement Management Plan (PMP) is to strategically address failing pavement and infrastructure to prevent several failures at one time, which can be a costly scenario. He stated that the PMP was discussed at the work session meeting prior to the regular Council meeting, and recommendations were made to revise the PMP based on data provided by recent pavement cores that were taken and the condition of the watermain infrastructure. He provided an overview of the proposed plans for a 2022 street project identified in the updated PMP which include resurfacing Creekside Drive, Bollum Lane, Bollum Circle, Orchard Circle, Meadow Lane, Westwood Drive, Kennedy Lane, and Valley View Road; and also reviewed the proposed plans and estimated costs for 2022-2027 projects.

Mayor Miner recalled that during the Council work session, they discussed Westwood Drive in detail and the plans are to see what can be done regarding addressing a drainage issue in the area. He stated that they also discussed Lakeview Avenue and the possibility for some temporary solutions for drainage issues there as well. He noted that the recently implemented franchise fees are helping the City building up a nest egg so they will be able to address some of these projects in the future.

Council member Kvale confirmed that City Engineer Reifsteck would come back to the Council after the design phase and before moving into the construction phase.

Reifsteck replied that for the 2022 project, they will design it, take a look at the drainage issues, and before they go out for bid WSB will come back to the Council for authorization before moving forward.

A motion was made by Kvale, seconded by Miner, to approve the revised Pavement Management Plan, and to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the 2022 Pavement Management Improvement Project, as presented.

The Council discussed drainage issues and the ability to adjust plans if necessary, the utilities in the project areas, and the timing of pavement projects.

Ayes: all.

Industrial District Zoning Ordinance Amendment Options

Planning Consultant Johnson presented the additional research WSB had conducted, at the direction of Council, in order to clean up a few things for the final draft Industrial Districts ordinance amendments. Johnson recalled that he had been tasked with research related to storage location percentage and storage setback standards with regard to properties in the City's industrial area. He reported that once the Council has made a decision on storage percentage and location, staff will incorporate changes in the draft ordinance in preparation for a Public Hearing at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting with final adoption by the Council on March 15, 2022. He noted that the Council had agreed upon the requirements related to screening, including not allowing chain link fencing with slats; however, the City recently received a call from a business owner who asked if

that type of fencing would be allowed in an area that is not screening from the right-of-way, such as an adjacent business. He added that staff would like some input from the Council on this issue. He reviewed the proposed amendments that the Council has agreed upon such as storage on corner lots, storage being required to be associated with the use of the property, parking, and paving requirements. He described how staff had conducted their research regarding storage location and noted that staff recommends language to allow storage to occur behind the established front building line, or the front yard setback, whichever is less. He reviewed the research that was conducted with regard to location percentage and advised that staff recommends language that sets the percentage requirement for outdoor storage at 50% of the lot, given that many of the lots cannot reach 50% allowable storage.

Planning Consultant Lindquist noted that their research found that about 60-65% of the businesses would not be able to have outside storage in front of their building.

Council member Kvale questioned how many properties would be out of compliance with this updated ordinance.

Johnson explained that the goal was to bring more properties into compliance and not to be more restrictive.

City Clerk Moeller shared an example using Chunk's Auto, that will allow the business to comply and screen in storage on the lot that under the old ordinance could not comply.

Lindquist reiterated that they are recommending increasing the outside storage from 25% to 50%.

The Council discussed the proposed changes, how it will affect various businesses, compliance issues, grandfathering, fencing, and enforcement. The Council discussed requiring opaque fencing and not chain link from the rights-of-way, and whether chain link could be allowed between adjoining properties.

Mayor Miner asked if existing businesses fencing would be grandfathered in, for example, if they had chain link fence with slats.

Lindquist explained that they would get to keep their existing fencing and the City would not make them change it, however, if they modified it, the City could then make them bring it into compliance.

Moeller stated that if they wished to expand their outdoor storage by moving the fence forward then they would have to install fencing that would be compliant with Code.

There was a consensus of the Council to support allowing storage behind the established front building line, or the front yard setback, whichever is less; that the outdoor storage percentage be 50%; and that chain link fencing is prohibited, but will be allowed with slats or other screening material only along sides that are not facing any right-of-way or adjacent to non-industrial properties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Update to Firefighters - Mayor Miner reported that he had sent out an update to the firefighters on what the City has been up over the last few months with regard to Fire Department discussions.

Event Permit Application - Moeller indicated that she had received a Special Event Permit application for the Memorial Day Murph Challenge which will be included on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting. She noted that the applicant has already been in discussions with the organizers

of the Veterans Memorial Ceremony and the plan is for the Murph Challenge to stop all activities during the ceremony, and their application commits to allowing the Ceremony to use their audio equipment.

Symes Street Demolition – Moeller stated that staff had issued demolition permits for the three houses on Symes Street in the Aava Vetta townhome project area.

Solid Waste Ordinance, Organics – Moeller reported that she has prepared an ordinance to repeal and replace the Solid Waste chapter of City Code to include the organics residential hauler requirement and some language modernization that the Council will consider on March 15, 2022.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator